

9. (Recited) A skateboard as recited in claim 1 further comprising front and rear skateboard trucks secured to said bottom surface of said metal board.

23.<sup>8</sup> (Twice Amended) A skateboard as recited in claim 1[1], wherein said board deflects less than 0.162 in. with a load of 200 lbs.

24.<sup>9</sup> (Twice Amended) A skateboard as recited in claim 1[1], wherein said board deflects less than 0.203 in. with a load of 250 lbs.

#### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered before examination of the above-captioned application. Claims 1-3, 23, and 24 have been amended to more clearly set forth further subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous interview extended to his attorney on February 16, 2000. Pursuant to that interview, Applicant has canceled claims 26 and 27 and pursued those claims in a related application and amended the above claims to further define over the prior art of record. During that interview, the Examiner indicated that the amended claims appeared to define over the prior art of record pending an updated search.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

#### CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, he is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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